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1. FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF THE CIEC, THE ELYSEE

PRESS OFFICE PUBLISHED A STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT GISCARD: "REGARDING THE CENTRAL PROBLEMS FOR THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF THE WORLD, RELATIONS BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE PARIS CONFERENCE PERMITTED ONE STEP TO BE TAKEN--DIALOGUE TOOK THE PLACE OF CONFRONTATION OF 1973-74. ON THE OTHER HAND DESPITE THE MERITORIOUS EFFORTS OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES ON BOTH SIDES AND THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED, A SECOND STEP COULD NOT BE COMPLETED--THAT OF SOLIDARITY OF THE PARTICIPANTS. HOWEVER, ONLY THE SOLIDARITY OF ALL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD WILL PERMIT THEM TO FACE UP THE THE THREE PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT, INFLATION, AND ENERGY. I WISH THEY MAY SOON BECOME CONSCIOUS OF THIS."

- 2. THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER, LOUIS DE GUIRINGAUD, SAID CIEC ENDED WITH A "POSITIVE RESULT" AND HAD PRODUCED UNDERSTANDINGS OF VALUE (CREATION OF A COMMON FUND, SPECIAL AID FOR THE POOREST COUNTRIES, DECADE OF TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN AFRICA, COMMITMENTS ON OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE). MENTIONING DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE RARKS OF THE 19, HE SAID THEY HAD BEEN EXPRESSED IN RELATION TO UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS.
- 3. THE PRESS HAD BEEN OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE. AS WORK PROGRESSED THE PRESS BECAME PESSIMISTIC AND FINALLY THE CONSENSUS ON CIEC WAS THAT IT WAS HALF-WAY SUCCESSFUL (DEMI-ECHEC, DEMI-UNCLASSIFIED

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